

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

On or about March 13, 2003, Applicants' undersigned representative discussed with Examiner Merek the Office Action mailed November 20, 2002, and how best to deal with the objections to the drawings and specification. The courtesies extended by Examiner Merek in discussing this application over the phone are greatly appreciated, and the current Response is believed to be reflective of what was agreed upon in order to overcome the objections issued by the Examiner.

In response to the objections based on Figure 6 not being consistent with the specification, the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 of the original specification has been amended, and Figure 6 has been amended, so as to make Figure 6 consistent with the specification.

In response to the drawing objection based on the drawings failing to show a continuous ring on the container body, provided herewith is a new Figure 7 in red which shows a continuous ring 8' on container body 2.

The Examiner is requested to approve these drawing amendments, and upon allowance of this application, formal drawings incorporating these amendments will be provided.

With regard to the objection to the substitute specification as expressed in the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, Applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggestion by substituting the term --onto-- for the phrase "fast on".

The above amendments to the specification have been incorporated into the new substitute specification provided herewith. No new matter has been added by this new substitute specification. Also, enclosed is a "marked-up" copy of the original specification to show changes that have been incorporated into the substitute specification and abstract. The attached pages are captioned **"Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."**

In response to the Examiner's indication that claims 10, 15, 20, and 23 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claims, as expressed on page 6 of the Office Action, claims 10, 15, 20 and 23 have been rewritten in independent form, and the remaining claims have been cancelled.

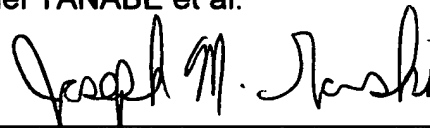
Because all objections and rejections have been addressed by amending Figure 6, adding new Figure 7, amending the specification, rewriting allowable claims 10, 15, 20 and 23 in independent form, and canceling the remaining claims, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance with the allowed claims being 10, 15, 20 and 23.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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10. [The packaging container according to claim 9, further comprising] A packaging container comprising:

a container body having an inverted cone shape, said container body including a side wall, a first end defined by a tapered end portion, and an open end opposite said first end;

at least one protrusion formed on an outer surface of said side wall of said container body;

an adhesive member ;and

a frustum-shaped exterior shell having a small-diameter opening at one end and a large-diameter opening at an opposite end such that

(i) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to be removably fitted onto said container body by

(a) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening until said at least one protrusion removably supports said frustum-shaped exterior shell on said container body, or

(b) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening, and [to] then lightly [bond] bonding said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell to said side wall of said container body via said adhesive member [when said frustum-shaped exterior shell is fitted onto said container body], and

(ii) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to support said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said at least one protrusion is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell; and
a lid for hermetically sealing said container body.

15. [The packaging container according to claim 8, further comprising] A packaging container comprising:

a container body having an inverted cone shape, said container body including a side wall, a first end defined by a tapered end portion, and an open end opposite said first end;

at least one protrusion formed on an outer surface of said side wall of said container body;

an adhesive member ;and

a frustum-shaped exterior shell having a small-diameter opening at one end and a large-diameter opening at an opposite end such that

(i) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to be removably fitted onto said container body by

(a) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening until said at least one protrusion removably supports said frustum-shaped exterior shell on said container body, or

(b) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening, and [to] then lightly [bond] bonding said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell to said side wall of said container body via said adhesive member [when said frustum-shaped exterior shell is fitted onto said container body], and

(ii) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to support said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said at least one protrusion is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell.

20. [The packaging container according to claim 19, further comprising] A packaging container comprising:

a container body having an inverted cone shape, said container body including a side wall, a first end defined by a tapered end portion, and an open end opposite said first end;

plural protrusions formed on an outer surface of said side wall of said container body in a plane that is perpendicular to an axis of said container body;

an adhesive member ;and

a frustum-shaped exterior shell having a small-diameter opening at one end and a large-diameter opening at an opposite end such that

(i) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to be removably fitted onto said container body by

(a) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening until said plural protrusions removably support said frustum-shaped exterior shell on said container body,
or

(b) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening, and [to] then lightly [bond] bonding said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell to said side wall of said container body via said adhesive member [when said frustum-shaped exterior shell is fitted onto said container body], and

(ii) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to support said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said plural protrusions are engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell.

23. [The packaging container according to claim 18, further comprising] A packaging container comprising:

a container body having an inverted cone shape, said container body including a side wall, a first end defined by a tapered end portion, and an open end opposite said first end;

a continuous ring formed on an outer surface of said side wall of said container body in a plane that is perpendicular to an axis of said container body;

an adhesive member ;and

a frustum-shaped exterior shell having a small-diameter opening at one end and a large-diameter opening at an opposite end such that

(i) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to be removably fitted onto said container body by

(a) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening until said continuous ring removably supports said frustum-shaped exterior shell on said container body, or

(b) passing said tapered end portion of said container body through said large-diameter opening and then through said small-diameter opening, and [to] then lightly [bond] bonding said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell to said side wall of said container body via said adhesive member [when said frustum-shaped exterior shell is fitted onto said container body], and

(ii) said frustum-shaped exterior shell is to support said container body by removing said frustum-shaped exterior shell from said container body, inverting said frustum-shaped exterior shell, and inserting said tapered end portion of said container body into said small-diameter opening of said frustum-shaped exterior shell until said continuous ring is engaged by said one end of said frustum-shaped exterior shell.